T.B. patients in the country

1048. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage of rise in the T. B. patients in the country at the end of 1987 and in what manner it compares with the rise in the T.B. cases during 1985 and 1986;

(b) what are the States which have shown rise in the number of T. B. patients and by what percentage;

(c) what is the appropriate annual number of deaths due to T. B. in the country; and

(d) what measures are being contemplated by Government to combat the rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no evidence to suggest that prevalence of T B. disease in increasing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the record available the number of deaths due to T. B. during the last three years is as under:-

1985	9933
1986	7388
1987	8796

(d) Under the National T. B. Control Programme a District TB Centre is being established in every district of the country by the States to organise a community wide District TB Programme in association with the General Health Institutions of the District to offer free diagnosis, treatment and preventive facilities to the patients and to the community. So far 371 District T.B. Centres have been established in the country.

Besides, 300 TB Clinics are also functioning. About 46,000 TB beds are also available in the country to cater to the needs of emergent, complicated cases and patients requiring surgical intervention.

BCG Vaccination is being given as a preventive measures under the Universal Immunization Programme.

Anti-TB Drugs, X-ray Machine/film rolls and equipment are supplied to the States/UTs by the Centre under the National TB Control Programme. Drugs are supplied to the TB patients free of cost.

Import of substandard condoms from South Korea

1049. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appearred in the Patriot of the 7th May, 1988 under caption "Kickbacks" in condom imports deal;

(b) whether it is a fact that substandard South Korean condoms, which were rejected by Government laboratory at Ghaziabad, were mixed with better samples; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sir. The import of condoms was channelised through DGS & D, Deptt. of Supply. According to the clarification furnished by the Department of Supply, order was placed on M/s. Radicura Pharma, Delhi on merits and allegations made in the news items are baseless.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Only one batch out of five batches of samples received for pretesting has been found not conforming to Schedule 'R' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules by the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad and import of condoms of this batch has been disallowed.

Bogus staff in Northern Railway

1050. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated the 16th July, 1988 under the caption "6000 bogus staff on Northern Railway Pay roll";

(b) if so, what are the details of divisions where such fictitious employees are working;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Book of Sanction which provides information about the real position of employees in the departments is lying incomplete since many years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The position mentioned in the news item is not factually correct. However, some cases of irregular engagement of casual labour and substitutes on Allahabad, Lucknow and Ferozepur Divisions, including a case of alleged fictitious payment of wages to 29 substitutes on Lucknow Division, have come to notice. In one case investigations have been completed and disciplinary action is on progress against the employees held responsible. Other cases are under investigation either by the Railway Administration or C.B.I.

(e) No, Sir. Incidentally, the Book of Sanction indicates number of sanctioned posts; it does not give details of employees.

Introduction of second flight between Delhi and Bangalore

1051. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the air traffic between Delhi and Bangalore has increased and the wait list often runs into three digits;

(b) whether it is a fact that even the Members of Parliament experience great dificulty in getting seats and if so, what action Government propose to take to set the things right; and

(c) whether Government propose to start a second flight between Bangalore and Delhi and if so, by when?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL): (a) Air traffic between Delhi and Bangalore has increased.

(b) No, Sir, Indian Airlines shall try to help the Members of the Parliament as it does to help other customers also.

(c) Due to capacity constraints, at present, Indian Airlines is not able to introduce another flight between Bangalore and Delhi. However, after induction of sufficient operating aircraft capacity into the system, Indian Airlines would consider augmentation of capacity on this sector.